



Upton Junior School

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Dear Parents,

Newsletter

17th January 2025

Happy New Year!

The Spring term has started really well and the children have settled back quickly into the swing of things. Miss Mauri joined us before Christmas. She is the teacher covering Mrs Blanch whilst she is on Maternity leave. We hope Miss Mauri enjoys her time with us.

Pantomime

Oh no it isn't! I'm afraid it is! Next Thursday we have the Pantomime in school. The Treehouse Theatre will be in school and presenting Treasure Island for the children. This really is an annual treat for our pupils, many of whom never get to go to the theatre and see a live production. The school is supported by having the cost of the production subsidised by the PSFA and we thank them for the contribution that they make.

Parents Evening

We will be having Parents Evening on Monday 10th February and Wednesday 12th February. Please save the date. The booking form will be sent out next week to give us plenty of time for you to book a slot.

Job Vacancy

We are looking for a new "School Streets Steward". This role will be available to view on our website from Monday 20th January 2025.

Half term

Half term starts on Monday 17th February and children return to school on Tuesday 25th February as there is a Trust wide training day on Monday 24th February.

Big Wheel and Walk

This years Big Wheel and Walk will be taking place from Monday 24th March to Friday 4th April. We've always done well in this competition as many of our children love to walk, bike or scoot to school. It would be great if we could continue this success. I'll be sharing more details with you as it gets closer.

Bikeability

Rob Doyle has been in school this week teaching our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils how to safely ride a bike and many of the pupils have now achieved either level 1 or Level 2 standard in this. Year 5 are continuing next week so if your child hasn't yet done this they will next week. Year 6 pupils will be doing their Level 3 in the summer term. There are some photos of the children in the newsletter.

Parking

Please do remember that parking on zigzags is not acceptable and places children's lives at risk. There have been a number of incidents of this taking place and in accordance with the guidance from the Police, we do forward any evidence we have to them.

Should you have any concerns regarding your child in school please do not hesitate in contacting your class teacher or myself.

Many thanks,

Tony



Laila and her family helped hand over a cheque to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance after raising vital funds when last august they were called to assist an emergency when her great grandad suddenly passed away. The family are planning more events with them to help support this worthy charity.



Year 4 have had a wheelie good time during their Bikeability sessions with Rob Doyle.





Please join us in congratulating Sofia for passing her first piano grading with distinction! Like many other pupils, Sofia's development as a musician has been nothing short of outstanding. Sofia's positive attitude and high levels of resilience has allowed her to learn numerous instruments to a high standard, including guitar, bass guitar, steel pan drum, ukulele, and piano. Keep up the hard work, Sofia!

Due to the number of pupils wanting to learn an instrument, we are delighted to announce that our piano, violin and woodwind teacher Miss Morgan (pictured) has agreed to take on even more students! Spaces are filling up fast, but a couple of lessons slots remain. If you think your child may be interested in learning an instrument, please contact our office team for more details.

Dates for your diary

School Panto - Thursday 23rd January 2025

Parent Consultations – 10th & 12th February 2025

Half Term – Starts Monday 17th February

Inset Day – Monday 24th February - children return Tuesday 25th February

Monday 3rd March - PSFA non-uniform - please bring easter egg/chocolate

Thursday 13th March - PSFA Bunny bingo.

Big Wheel & Walk - Monday 24th March to Friday 4th April

Thursday 4th April - PSFA Easter raffle

A letter will follow with more information for the PSFA events. If anyone would be interested in helping out the PSFA for an hour or two, please email Sarah :

Uptonjuniorschoolpsfa@gmail.com

STARS

HOLIDAY CLUB

February Half Term
Monday 17th - Friday 21st

Multi-Activity Holiday Club for children aged 4-13 with activities such as - Football, Dance, Gymnastics, Inflatable Fun, Dodgeball, Arts & Crafts, Nerf Wars, Tennis, Cricket and many many more!

Venue - Kingsleigh Primary School BH10 5HT

Just £20 Per day!

0800-1600 Daily

Sibling, KPS and Stars Members Discount Available!

Contact: kirstystarscorporateltld.co.uk to book your spot.



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(As part of the pilot HAF Scheme. Limited HAF spaces Available)

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